

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2508
Unni OLSBYE et al. : Docket No. 2001-0768A
Serial No. 09/869,042 : Group Art Unit 1725
Filed October 3, 2001 : Examiner Christina Ildebrando

CATALYSTS CONSISTING OF METALS
ON HYDROTALCITE-BASED CARRIER
MATERIALS, AND METHOD FOR
THE PREPARATION THEREOF

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Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith a communication regarding an Office Action issued in connection with an application in Venezuela corresponding to the present U.S. application. There are four references, D1 to D4, cited in this communication. All of these references are cited in Applicant's IDS filed June 22, 2001 in the present application. As apparent from the Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 form attached to the Office Action of February 21, 2003, the Examiner has already considered these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: DEN NORSKE STATS OLJESELSKAP AS
Venezuela - Invention application N° 2683-99 for CATALYSTS CONSISTING OF
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OFFICIAL ACTION PENDING

Deadline: February 5th, 2004

Extension: April 7th, 2004

Dear Sirs:

In connection with the captioned matter, please be informed that the PTO issued an Official Action published in Official Bulletin No. 459.

The basis for the examiner objections is as follows:

- 1) The following documents are relevant for the examination of the present case. Accordingly, a copy of the same must be provided in response to the official action.
D1) US 5518704
D2) EP 0475357
D3) WO 9414700
D4) WO 9915459.
- 2) Also, the examiner based on article 46 of Andean Decision 486, requires the Applicant to present any of the following documents related to one or more foreign equivalent patent application of the present case:
- a) copies of the findings of the examinations of the novelty or patentability of the invention conducted with respect to the foreign application *WO 0038892* (the Venezuelan PTO may accept the results of the examinations as sufficient to certify that the conditions for the invention's patentability have been fulfilled);

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Petition for Extension of Time \$950.00

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A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

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